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Meeting Notes 9-21-00 (Mr. S. Costa USMC Planning)

Steve Schwab, 09/21/2000 - 11:13 AM

Notes from Mr. Steve Costa interview (USMC Planning) 9/21/00

I. USMC Planning discussion

General process overview

Main purpose of RPA is to gather, collect, assess information and apply to a resource impact framework

Major inputs to USMC planning process

- Defense Planning Guidance (DPG)
- SECNAV Planning Guidance (SPG)
- Commandants Planning Guidance (CPG)
- Marine Corps Master Plan (MCMP)

3 Groups within P&R that do planning

1. RPA – Green dollar planning
2. RPB – Blue in support of green planning (aviation / amphib)
3. JROC – Joint Requirements Oversight Council
 - a. JRB – Joint Requirements Board
 - b. Addresses where USMC fits in Joint plans
 - c. Purple dollars
 - d. Translate joint plans down to USMC level
 - e. Usually work through RPA

MCWAR – Marine Corps Warfare Architecture (?) = Navy IWAR

- RPA plays a role on Navy IWAR process
- Member on many of the IWAR IPTs
- So far the USMC participation has been relatively limited

Health Assessments

- New process this year
- Assessment of all USMC programs
- Answers the questions – Are we properly resourced to meet our requirements?
- Assessment comes to conclusions – where do we need to apply extra dollars, where can we take dollars from

RPA reviews mission needs statements

RPA provides support as requested to PEGs and PWGs

Interaction with MCCDC – war gaming type assessments

Major products of USMC Planning process

- Post POM analysis – "POM Impact on the Marine Corps"
- USMC Health Assessment
- Support to PEGs and PWGs
- POM Serials for directed studies and resource position papers
 - Assessment of concerns
- MCWAR

RPA Involvement in MROC

Possible area for Performance Improvement:

Planners do not interact or share a lot of information with Budgeting / Execution. There is a lack of good / accurate information on actual life cycle costs and execution costs – would be very helpful during planning process

Information Systems

CAPS – Consolidated Acquisition Planning System

CDS – Combat Development System

MCDSS – Material Capabilities Decision Support System

LMS – Logistics (?)

Steve Costa took an action to provide KPMG Consulting with a consolidated list of information systems that support the USMC Planning process

Other POCs in Planning:

- Sean Vessey
- LtCol. Steve Bucher

Plan to meet again to review IDEF model once USMC Planning information has been modeled.